REMARKS

Claims 28-30 are pending in the application.

Page 2 of the Office Action indicates that the present application is in condition for allowance

except for a valid Assent of the Assignees that references the present application. Accordingly, a

new Assent of the Assignees referencing the present application is submitted herewith.

Conclusion

All requirements have been complied with. Thus, it now appears that the application is in

condition for allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned

representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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